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# THREE U.S. PLANES HALF WAY ACROSS OCEAN; START IS MADE FROM TREPASSEY AT 6:09 P. M.: MORE THAN 650 MILES OUT AFTER NINE HOURS

# GERMANS PLAN FIGHT ON WAR GUILT CHARGE

of Accusers in Challenge to Allies.

HOPE FOR HELP OF U. S. CAUCUS TO FAVOR THEM

May Shift Onus, Is Teuton Belief.

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Berlin, May 14 (delayed).-The German Government is planning to call up the entire question of guilt connection with the outbreak of the war and to challenge the allied Governments. It is so convinced of the innocence of its own statesmen that it will submit all state documents and data bearing upon the subject to an international neutral court to be held in Germany.

There is reason to believe that the shift from defensive to offensive tacthe on this question. The note of Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, the head of the German peace delegation, in answer to the confession of guilt contained in the treaty of peace, may be interpreted as a prelude to a move in the direction of a demand to be made at Versailles for an investigation of the whole question by an impartial commission or court which is not composed of "accusers and judges et the same time," and perhaps an appeal to the public opinion of all puntries to support that demand in the interest of truth and justice.

No German Government, Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau declared to me shortly before his departure for Versailles, would ever sign a verdict that Germany alone was the guilty factor in the world war, if such were rendered by the allied and associated governments in the terms of peace presented. He pointed out that such governments themselves were interested in seeing that Germany alone should be declared guilty and therefore, under the fundamental principles of law, were not competent to sit as a court.

### Surprises Are Prepared.

From authentic sources it has been learned that a commission has been appointed to take up the question from Germany's viewpoint, and that is making extensive preparations support such a demand at Versallies with state documents. There smong others that documents have teen discovered in Vienna which throw a new and somewhat different light on the Serbian ultimatum and Germany's attitude toward it than what has been published hitherto. How far these reports are based on truth cannot be learned.

Germany, according to those who are in a position to know what is going on in official minds, will take the attitude that the German people cannot permit the brand of sole guilt for the terrible war to be placed upon them forever in history without a defrom all sides and of all hands by an International court or commission competent under the fundamental principles of law to make such an in-

It is contended, especially in intellectual circles, that to permit such e brand of Cain to be placed hisferically upon the brow of the German people without an energetic prolest and a demand for a world trial would be interpreted in the future as an admission of sole guilt and would be a crime by the German

Government against its own people. The line to be followed undoubtedly will be that laid down by Foreign Minister von Brockdorff-Rantzau in his speech at Versailles that the Germany of the former regime was not without its share of guilt in bringing about the war, but it was not the only guilty nation, assumed by

### Trap Laid for Allies.

The belief seems to prevail here that the very factors which make it impossible" for the German Govern-

# G. O. P. DECIDES ON ECONOMIES AND REFORMS

Imposts to Go and Budget System Favored.

ers was mapped out to-day by the Steering Committee of the House, of which Representative Mondell (Wyo.) is chairman, and just the formality of final action by the committee and by the caucus to-morrow night remains.

publican programme is this:

Immediate passage of the regular appropriation bills, action on which has been postponed two and a half months by the refusal of the President to call Congress earlier.

Immediate return of the telephone and telegraph lines to private operation.

Immediate consideration of legisla-tion for the solution of the railroad and shipping problems. Immediate repeal of the luxury

not mean, it was explained to-day the subjects enumerated.

be sufficient to swing the Senate.

The repeal of the luxury taxes has been demanded constantly since the last tax bill became law, and the Republican party in the House may not only repeal these taxes, but a great many if not all mand for an impartial investigation of the bothersome consumption taxes.

As to taking care of returning solmembers of Congress and by the Adm istration has been gone into thoroughly

enough yet to determine which plan will him if he has any communication which scive the question. Some House communication which he desires to transmit to it. with instruction to use all speed pos-

The Steering Committee felt that it was necessary to include investigations of the enormous extravagances of the Democrats as a part of the legislative Newfangled Galluses Drew programme, as they are considered as Determination of a military and naval

# YANKS OUT OF ITALY MAY 20.

in Plans of House Steering Committee.

WASHINGTON, May 16 .- The course to be pursued by the Republican lead-

Early action on the proposed amendment to the Constitution granting suffrage to women.

Maintenance of a policy of rigid governmental economy.

Reduction of taxes and legisla-tion on the tariff to raise greater revenues and to protect industries, particularly those which have grown up since the beginning of the war. Immediate consideration of legislation providing for taking care of returning soldiers.

The adoption of this programme by the Republican caucus to-morrow night -which is a foregone conclusion-does members of the Steering Committee, that the party will feel in any way bound to restrict its legislative programme to

It was felt that to avoid the charge of attempting to embarrass the Administration the regular supply bills must be acted upon first, as many are effective on July 1. Of the necessity of taking the telephone and telegraph systems there was not the least doubt in the Steering Committee and little opposition which may create some surprise, already brought about by Postmaster-

by the two-thirds vote necessary is vir-

consideration has been given to every

policy was omitted from the programme purposely to give time for the return of peace time conditions. The army bill sub-mitted by the Administration providing for an army of slightly more than 500, 000 men has an excellent chance of nasage pending the threshing out of the question of universal military training

Ask for Court Not Composed | Tax Cuts and Higher Tariff

Documents Found in Vienna Suffrage Bill to Pass, Luxury

The only big question neglected by the programme to be followed are the future policy respecting the army and navy and the investigations into wanton waste and extreme extravagance of the Democratic party while German Government is prepared to it held the upper hand in Congress. The sum and substance of the Re

Establishment of a budget system for handling national appropriations.

Programme Not Restricted.

out of the hands of the Administration | the Celtic Circle of Paris; Mesers. Burec are rumors which are difficult to to this measure is expected even in the Enrique Villegas, former Foreign Minverify that evidence has been found minority party on account of the mess inter of Chile; Foreign Minister Benes ure, and its passage through the House concerning the American commemora tually certain. The House action may River; a delegation from the Parlia-

> Legislation on the shipping policy will nach, the not be enacted until after the utmost Richard L. Manning of South Carolina WASHINGTON, May Consumption Taxes May Go Too.

the plans submitted by both houses waits upon the President at the White House, informing him that Congress is now in session and asking

# HIS SUSPENDERS

Boycott on Family.

notite Church of Holmes county were enjoined from further "meidening," "miting" or boycotting Eli J. Ginerich. a former member of the church, in a de-

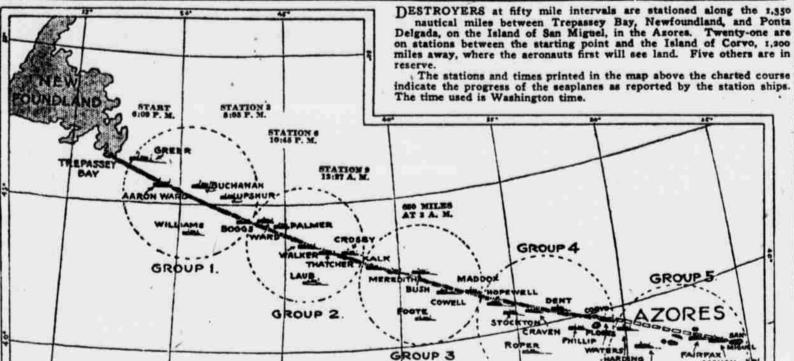
The suit arose out of the refusal of Ginerich to countenance the rule of the Amish Church requiring "miting," a form of boycott, because of his insistence on wearing rubber in his suspanders, which Denied in Rome.

By the Associated Press.

Rows, May 16.—All American troops will be out of Italy by May 20. An announcement to this effect has led to the report that Italian and American relations are strained.

It was pointed out to-day that this report was unwarranted, as the order winding up American military, operationally an outcast, testimony

## Course Taken by American Naval Fliers on Dash from Newfoundland to the Azores.



## WILSON CABLES BRIEF MESSAGE

Address to Congress 8,000 Words Long and Ignores Foreign Questions.

IT MENTIONS SUFFRAGE

President Devotes Day to Receiving Delegations From Many Lands.

By the Associated Press. Paris, May 16.-President Wilson's

The message deals entirely with iomestic questions. Some space in it is devoted to woman suffrage. Appropriations and taxation also are

dealt with President Wilson devoted to-day to receiving a long list of delegations and individuals, ranging from diplomats to labor representatives and including spokesmen for various countries from Slam to eastern European nations

Those received by the President were Prince Charron of the Slamese delegation, Dr. Markoff of the Carpatho-Russian Committee, M. Ollivier, president of the French National Union of Railwaymen; M. Jacob, a representative of and Jacob of the Uruguayan delegation Turkhan Pasha, the Albanian leader and M. Kramer of the Czecho-Slovak delegation, who discussed the question of Silesia and Teachen; Deputy Damour. tive statue to be erected in the Gironde ment of Kuban, northern Caucasus; the Archbishop of Trebisond; Joseph Rei French historian, and Gov.

Wilson will be officially notified by cable of the assembling of Congress whe both houses convene in extra sessio Monday. Congressional leaders, it be came known to-day, have decided that in view of President Wilson being in Paris use of the cable was the logical method of going through with the cus-tomary procedure of netifying him.

Ordinarily a committee representing Sea.

# MADE CHURCH MAD

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 16.—Seven Bish-ops and preachers of the Amish Men-

## GOMPERS READY TO QUIT AS LABOR HEAD IN JUNE

Federation May Create President Emeritus Office-Chief Ill and War Worn-Daughter's Death and Wife's Health Influence Him.

Mr. Gompers has held sway over the Federation has paid its president for American Pederation of Labor ever years. message to be read at the approaching since its organization. Frequently he will be put forward if Mr. easion of Congress will make approx- has been opposed at the annual election fuses. imately 3,000 words. It is being sent but he has come out on top in every first vice-president of the Federation ington, however, that he is ready to and James A. O'Connell, former president of the International Machinists, and now head of the Metal Trades De-

feeling that his work is done with the WASHINGTON, May 16 .- Samuel A. accomplishments of the last few years Gompers may retire as president of The decision, it is said, is influenced the American Federation of Labor in by the recent death of his daughter and June. It was learned to-day that a the fact that Mrs. Gompers is falling movement is on foot in labor circles tion is meeting in New York and it was The executive council of the Federa to name him president emeritus of the reported that it was considering creat-Pederation if he persists in a reported ing the office of president emeritus for intention of retiring when the next Mr. Gompers should he refuse to conannual convention meets in Atlantic tinue as chief. Under the plan he

Several candidates for the presidency e put forward if Mr. Gompers re-Among them are James Duncan in the best of health, it is stated that partment of the American Federation of

# SMYRNA IS HELD HOUSE NOT TO IN ALLIES' GRIP

Back Greece in Occupying Turkish Port.

Pants, May 16 .- An extensive Allied naval and military concentration is being made at Smyrna in connection with a mandate to Greece to administer the city. L'Intransigeant asserts that the concentration is being made in preparation for the day peace conditions imposed on Turks will be put into effect, when the Turks may be

invited to leave Europe. The British and the French each have feets on the scene with landing parties the Greeks have a battleship and five gunboats, and the Italians have five large warships. The United States naval force includes the battleship Arisona and force includes the battleship Arisona and four destroyers. The various allied raval contingents are drawn from the was in Washington to-day. He issued a America, but evidently the President has patrolling the route.

from Salonica. It is understood that British and French forces are cooperatdisclosed, but the recent landing of prejudiced court are not binding upon call it a British treaty, the America Italian troops at Adalia, on the southern coast of Asia Minor, and the pres-ern coast of Asia Minor, and the pres-ernes of an Italian squadron at Smyrns. "I am an American citizen," said he. ence of an Italian squadron at Smyrna "I have lived all my active life here. I hade to the belief that Italy is seeking married here. I made my home and did

that transports carrying Greck troops have sailed for Smyrna. ATHENS, May 14 (delayed) .- Greek forces landed to-day at Smyrns, the of my fellow men."

iews being received here with great

Advices to the Peace Conference may

MERCIER EXPECTED IN ROME. Cardinal May Sec Pope Bring Message to U. S.

nthusiasm

By the Associated Press May 15 (delayed).-Cardina Mercier, Archbishop of Brussels, is ex-pected to visit Rome and have an audi-ence with Pope Benedict before the Car-dinal starts on his visit to the United

Strong Forces Concentrate to Socialist Leader Out on Appeal Will Be Barred From Congress.

WASHINGTON, May 16. - When th House convenes on Monday Victor Ber ger, elected in Milwaukee to the Sixty sixth Congress, but since convicted of violating the espionage act and sentence Allied troops have been debarked and to the penitentiary, will not be seated.

This was determined on by the Republican steering committee to-day, and the decision will be ratified by the Republican caucus of House members to morrow night. His case will be referred to one of the elections committees of the House for investigation. Mr. Berger was elected as a Socialist

long statement defending his right to a settled the matter. seat in the House, defending himself and flaying the Judge, jury, the press and the demon "capital" generally.

"The findings of a packed jury, every
member of which prior to his selection.

me, nor should they be binding upon or leads to the belief that Italy is seeking married here. I made my home and did to safeguard her interests in Asiatic my work here. My children were born here. All my ties of interest and affectively. tion are bound up in the life and well-being of this country of my adoption, "We Socialists are international. We are not anti-national. I have proved my love for this country by a life of labor in it and for it, by striving constantly with

### WILSON CHEERS TEXAS SUFFS.

WASHINGTON, May 16 .- Preside Wilson in a cable to Mrs. Minnie F. Cunningham, president of the Texas Woman Suffrage Association, made pub-lic here to-day at headquarters of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, said : "I am looking forward with the

on woman suffrage and entertain the confident hope that the men of Texas will by a very great majority render The Cardinal will be the bearer of a gallant justice to the women Papal message to the American people. State."

# U.S. CASH TO PAY U.S.WAR LOSSES

Wilson Reported to Have Pigeonholed \$800,000,000 Damage Claims.

WILL BUY GERMAN SHIPS British Soreness Over Seizure

of Vessels Stirs Up Much

Unfavorable Comment. By LAURENCE HILLS.

Staff Correspondent of Tun Sun. Copyright, 1919; all rights reserved. Paris, May 16 .- President Wilson considers that so far as America is quires landing before reaching Punta 6:07 and 6:09 ships has been settled, British statements to the contrary notwithstand-

THE SUN is in a position to state Delgada. that when this matter came up before the council the President and Premier statement in the House of Commons arations for the flight to leave absolu

on the recommendation of all of the hours of the flight variable winds had American financial experts here. Unlike taken the place of the prevailing winds, other nations which have seized ships, however, America will not charge them knots, according to the orders. against the American damage claims, but rectly upon the conclusion of peace. rectly upon the conclusion of peace. This is the exact speed made by the This matter of ships is a sore subject two leading planes in their flight of 540 with the British and the feeling is in-miles from Rockaway to Halifax. On creasing as a result of the agreements

arrived at. The Americans point out that the United States has not demanded any of Not all the sixty-five or more craft to speak of his chances of success.

Not all the sixty-five or more craft to speak of his chances of success. American damage claims sent here to succeed Representative Stafford the State Department, aggregating \$800. Wis.), Republican, and at the time of his election was under indictment. At taking the view that the United States

American money must reimburs Consequently the President's friends say that the German ships are to be all that America will get from the treaty, and these are to be was approved by the American Protec- paid for. Considering what Great Briting in the Greek administrative mantive League," Berger said, "which means the secret service, and the sentence of a cause neutrals, Italians and others to landing of prejudiced court are not binding upon call it a British treaty, the Americans consider that the British ship protest

comes with very poor grace. The British, however, justify it on th ground that it was fear of the British navy that kept the German ships in American harbors, enabling them to seized. The British want all ships pooled and distributed on the basis of tonnas sunk, to which the President refuse

LONDON, May 16 .- Secretary of Sta-Lansing, talking with American corre-spondents to-day with regard to Germany's ships, said :

There has been no agreement in Par-

on the allocation of the German ships, but I do not think there is any doubt that we will keep our German ships Crowder Denies He Will Resig Washington, May 16.—Secretary Baker to-day made public a cablegram from Major-Gen. Enoch H. Crowder, Judge Advocate General of the

nied that he would resign from the

army to accept a position as political adviser, to the Cuban Government.

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# SMOKE SIGNALS AND LIGHT MARK FLIERS' COURSE

Sixty Destroyers Blaze Day and Night Trail Across the Ocean.

STAR SHELLS ARE USED

Every Device Known Employed to Insure Safety of the Aviators.

WASHINGTON, May 16 .- Every detail of the transatiantic flight, including F., to the exact position of sixty-five battleships, destroyers and supply vessels, was worked out and embodied in an official order issued April 15. This was made known to-day when "Operation Order No. 1," a document of some 5,000 words, was made public after word arrived of the start of the longest.

Although issued a month ago, not s single change has been found necessary in the detailed instructions. In view of the extreme uncertainty surrounding long distance airplane flights an uncertainty which the British fliers who have been at Newfoundland six weeks will testify to-this is regarded as remarkable here. In the order, which is signed by Capt. Harris Laning, Chief of Staff of the Destroyer Force, appears the following sentence: "The start will be made early in May

to get benefit of full moon on May 14 for long leg Newfoundland to Azorea." The departure from Trepassey is predicted as about one hour before sunset. The route is described as follows: Mercator's course from Mistaken Point to route to Horta or Punta Delgada, the Department. first port of landing being dependent on weather on arrival at Corvo or on some stances are favorable, landing will be at Punta Delgada, otherwise planes land at Horta, wait for good weather or competion of repairs, then proceed to Punta

Nothing Left to Chance. Lloyd George had considerable argu-being followed dispels the belief held ment, ending in a flat statement by by some aeronautical authorities that the President that America would a curving course would be selected to keep the German ships now in her take advantage of the prevailing winds. Although favorable along the straight course, the winds would lend greater own way. Whether Premier Lloyd speed to the scaplanes if the route fol-George accepted this now seems to be lowed inclined slightly to the westward the question. The Americans state low the straight course is in line with bitious undertaking of man in the air that he did, although Bonar Law's the naval attitude throughout the prepinfers that the question is still open. If nothing to chance or good luck. The flight. The President took the stand he did for the aviators to find that in the few curving course might be followed only

The speed of the semplanes is sixty NC-1 had ever flown with four motors the second lap of 460 miles from Hali-fax to Newfoundland the planes, aided John H. Towers, leader of the expedi-

by favorable winds part of the way, tion, said some weeks ago, when he by along the route. Of the sixty-five mentioned in the order eight are supply and seaplane tenders, two are flag ships, five are buttleships on meter are destroyers assigned to the duty of

To Get Warning of Storms. and Wyoming are several hundred miles east and west of the line from

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## American Tobacco Is a Luxury in Germany

LEONARD HENDERSON Company D. Eighteenth Infantry, in a letter mailed in German territory, April 26, says that when he received a package of tobacco, for "just once" he felt There are many soldiers who feel the same way about the "real" tobacco they receive from THE SUN Tobacco Fund.

This and other messages from soldiers overseas, including some bearing on the probable signing of the peace treaty, will be found on page 6.

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BOATS IN V FORMATION

NC-3 and NC-4 on Wings, With NC-1 in Rear as Point of the Letter.

FLYING AT ONLY 600 FEET

Each Craft Carries 28,200 Pounds and 18 Men Are in the Three Crews.

WASHINGTON, May 17 .- The half way mark on the leg of the transatlantic flight from Tropascoy Bay, N. three planes had passed station ship No. 11, approximately 660 miles for

WASHINGTON, May FR. - The radio station at Bar Harbon, Mo., midnight. One mee calling station ship No. 9. mately 500 miles from Trep

WASHINGTON, May 16,-The from America by air passed station ship No. 6, the destroyer Ward, 800 miles from Trepassey Bay, 2:05 Greenwich time (10:05 P. M. Wash-Corvo (smallest and northernmost of the ington time), according to a message Azores) as a landfall, thence shortest received late to-night by the Navy

The official reports from Trepassey said the three seaplanes—the NC-8, emergency arising on planes that re- NC-4 and NC-1-had started at 6:06.

time) respectively. They were, therefore, averaging seventy-five knots or eighty-six land miles an hour in their dash toward the Azores. The average speed Commander Towers figured on making was sixty-three knots or seventy-two miles an hour.

Special Despatch to Tur Sex. TREPASSEY, N. F., May 16.-Three American naval seaplanes started this evening on a flight of 1,350 nautical miles across the Atlantic Ocean to the since the discovery of mechanical

The crossing of the Atlantic by air plane ranks with the dashes to the polar regions, the voyages of the explorers of the American continent, the circumnavigation of the earth. Yet were issued before the NC-3 or NC-4 the flight was started without a confident prediction of success. "If hard work on the part of all concerned will make this flight a suc

cess it will be a success," Commander

### "Beyond that I cannot go."

Conditions Are Ideal. It was not, however, with any gloomy fear of failure that the eighten officers and men set off this evening. They took the air with smiling The battleships Florida, Utah, Texas faces, but their smiles did not conceal the grim determination beneath. Newfoundland to the Azores and from They were going to the Azores if grit of men, strength of steel and power of

motors would take them there. The start toward the Azores was made under ideal conditions of weather. The wind, hardly more than a zephyr after the gusty blasts of Thursday, blow gently over Trepassey from the northwest and out to sea in the general direction the semplanes were to take. The sky practically was cloudless and the sun, low in the horizon, shone brightly. The sea was almost without a ripple when with necessive roars the engines of the bree scaplanes spot fire and whirled

The unfortunate NC-4, with Lieut Commander A. C. Read in the forward cockpit, just out of the hands of mechanics who had done a week's work in a night and a day to get her ready, was the first to leave the water The roar of her motors rose as the spray about her bows dropped down and almost imperceptibly she lefwater behind and took to air. She flew seaward for a time, g-idually

the big propellers until they spun in

visible.